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**QUARTERLY MEETING**  
**April 28, 2005 – Kodiak, Alaska**

Briefing Paper: ***ELDER SUPPORTIVE HOUSING PROGRAM - Allocation of FY05 Funds***  
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**\*\*ACTION REQUIRED BY COMMISSION\*\***

**Issue:**

Twenty million dollars has been appropriated for Commission allocation for facilities serving Native elders and senior citizens.

**Background:**

The following language is from the FY05 Omnibus Appropriations Report which provides funding and direction to the Denali Commission.

1. Under Energy and Water – “Base” – “\$10,000,000 is for facilities serving Native elders and senior citizens”;
2. Under HRSA – Health - “\$10,000,000 is for residential and supportive housing for elders.”

**Follow-Up since January Commission Meeting:**

- Commission staff requested verification from elder supportive housing applicants regarding site control, cost share, and proof of construction preparedness. Pre-construction information submitted by the applicants narrowed the list to seven (7) potential projects.
- Staff received approval to include short-term patient housing projects adjacent to established hospitals in Nome and Sitka as part of the elder supportive housing” category. Many elders require medical attention that necessitates the need for them to remain in hub communities close to a hospital or travel out of the region to a larger, unfamiliar city. These short-term housing projects would greatly enhance safe elder access to necessary medical treatment, monitoring and supervised follow-up.
- The list of elder supportive housing projects was shared with the Alaska Department of Health & Social Services (DHSS) and the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium (ANTHC). The projects were ranked by order of priority based on their knowledge of local and regional elder supportive housing needs.
- Commission staff proposes a contribution to a statewide strategy for elder supportive housing needs that incorporates the findings of a recently completed ANTHC assessment of Alaska Native Elder needs that includes recommendation of suitable living situations that extend and enhance quality of life.

**Analysis and Proposed Strategy:**

Commission staff proposes that the Commission fund the attached list of projects; subject to completion of due diligence reviews, and participate in a comprehensive statewide elder housing strategy; the total of both requests not to exceed \$16,820,012. (The balance of funds \$3,179,988 will be redirected to the health facilities program).

1. **Project Management** – Staff recommends the following project management design for 2005 Elder Supportive Housing Funding.
  - Alaska Housing Finance Corporation – AHFC will manage the non-licensed or non-medically related elder supportive housing projects on behalf of the Commission. These projects include those submitted by the Tlingit-Haida Regional Housing Authority, Tagiugmiullu Nunamiullu Development Corporation or TNDC, and City of Valdez. AHFC will work with applicants to complete due diligence.

Total amount of Commission funding: \$10,948,891

- Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium – Three (3) of the elder supportive housing projects were submitted by a regional health provider. The proposed facilities provide licensed care OR enhance local medical treatment and follow-up. After meeting with both ANTHC and AHFC it is staff's recommendation to seek ANTHC project management and move these projects under the health facilities program. ANTHC will work with health facilities program staff to assume elder supportive housing project management for Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corporation (YKHC). ANTHC will work with applicant to complete due diligence.

Total of Commission funding recommended for YKHC project: \$1,300,424

- The short term patient housing projects will be managed as a part of the Primary Care Facilities Program. Total funding proposed for short term patient housing is \$4,270,697.
  - Proposed management fees for services of partners would not exceed \$100,000.
2. **Statewide Elder Supportive Housing Strategy** - Utilize up to \$100,000 to be matched by the State of Alaska Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS) to complete a comprehensive statewide elder supportive housing strategy. DHSS will work with ANTHC to complete a strategy. A strategy that represents the statewide need for elder supportive housing will expedite future funding deliberations as it relates to this funding. A current strategy does not exist at this time. Information will be shared with Commission upon completion.

**Sustainability Policy:**

A due diligence process will be conducted by the project manager; either AHFC or ANTHC.

**Other Commission Policies:**

Will be included in award language with project managers.

**Action Required:**

Pass Resolution No. 05-15

**Attachment(s):**

Attachment 1 - Proposed Funding Spreadsheet for FY05



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## **DRAFT - RESOLUTION NO. 05-15**

### **A RESOLUTION CONCERNING ELDER SUPPORTIVE HOUSING FOR FEDERAL FY 2005**

**WHEREAS** Congress has appropriated \$20,000,000 for facilities serving Native elders and senior citizens, and for residential and supportive housing for elders; and

**WHEREAS** the State of Alaska Department of Health and Social Services, the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation (AHFC) and the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium (ANTHC) have substantiated the need for housing and other facilities for elders; and

**WHEREAS** the State of Alaska, AHFC and ANTHC wish to continue partnering with the Denali Commission to identify appropriate types of elder supportive housing on a state-wide basis;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that subject to completion of due diligence review, up to \$10,948,891 is made available for funding of independent housing facilities that meet the needs of Native elders and senior citizens submitted by the Tlingit and Haida Regional Housing Authority, Tagiugmiullu Nunamiullu Development Corporation and City of Valdez; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED** that up to \$1,300,424 be made available for the Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corporation for a licensed assisted living facility in Bethel; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED** that up to \$4,270,697 be made available for the short-term patient housing projects in Nome and Sitka; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED** that up to \$100,000 is made available to match a state contribution to develop a comprehensive statewide elder supportive housing strategy that integrates elder supportive housing needs identified by both the State of Alaska and the ANTHC; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED** that up to \$100,000 is made available for AHFC management services rendered in this program by Commission partners; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED** that the balance of the \$20 million elder housing appropriation (approximately \$2,044,263) is made available for use in the primary health care facilities program as well as any residual funds from other allocations in this resolution when costs are finalized.

### **CERTIFICATION**

We, the undersigned, hereby certify that the Denali Commission is comprised of seven members (or their duly appointed alternate), of whom \_\_\_\_\_, consisting a quorum, were present at a meeting duly and regularly called, noticed, convened and held this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of \_\_\_\_\_ members, and opposed by \_\_\_\_\_ members, and that said Resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

Signed and dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,

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Jeffrey B. Staser  
Federal Co-Chair

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Governor Frank H. Murkowski  
State Co-Chair